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#### Don't Get Scared Until the Underwood Inquisition Is Really Set Up.

The Hon. Oscar W. Underwood seems ambitious

Mr. Underwood aspires to do similar wonders with the little baton which he brought out and natural convictions.

The Alabama statesman has warned producers tional Germanic spirit. who may think that they are injuriously affected by his revision to conceal their wounds and put on smiling countenances. If they show their dissatisfaction by reducing output, cutting wages, closing the Department of Commerce.

wand waving as are some of the administration's Riea, Panama and Colombia, strongest supporters hereabouts-among them "The the water cure or something worse. We are not were extended to include commerce between New terrified by Mr. Underwood's harsh words. By the York and the Philippines they might also be retime Sheriff Harburger's big stick work makes New | quired to cover that between Halifax and Australia | so many saints got their start? York "the centre of the world in goodness, purity or even between Great Britain and her Pacific coloand greatness," Mr. Underwood's will have per- nies. If they were restricted to American contisuaded men who are losing money under his law to nental ports the same restrictions could of course thank him profusely for the opportunity of going on be imposed upon other nations. losing it.

it doesn't always produce results.

We shall not believe that all seditious critics will tremble in their shoes and fall to testifying loudly to the inerrancy of the new tariff bill until we see the dreadful Underwood Inquisition really in opera-

## No More Illicit Cocaine Selling.

peddle it, as he was not in danger formerly.

drug will be interfered with.

of the new law. It feels that it has been an agency power, for the protection of the community through the discouragement of a demoralizing and soulless traffic.

## City Helps to Perfect Babyhood.

Where a few days ago only one perfect baby blossomed-perfect, that is, according to the cold scale of weights and measures established by the physicians-now a whole crop has sprung up. It is safe to assume that "boby contests" in other sections of the other specimens of infantile perfection, since assuredly the baby born there has more to contend survive it. with in adverse surroundings than the child of any other quarter, save perhaps Harlem's "Little Italy."

The baby contests are doing a great work for future generations. Incidentally, they speak a good word for New York City, with its milk stations, its medical clinics, its bureaus of advice and help for mothers in the sections where they are needed most. public has read and enjoyed this strange confession These contests furnish practical proof that city babyhood, even that of the tenements, need be at no dis- truth about its contents will surprise many. advantage as compared with country babyhood, even though the city child must envy the scenery and prison paper and handed by Wilde to his literary play space which the country child enjoys.

## Able to Pay in Full.

reports made on business conditions in the West and 1908 that a prefatory note explained the real cir-South by correspondents of the United States Mort- cumstances-that the title "De Profundis" was the gage and Trust Company. These reports bear out, invention of the literary executor, that the original to far as the West and South are concerned. The was cast in the form of a letter to a friend, and Tribune's judgment that the country has made up its that large portions were withheld from the public. mind to the inevitableness of downward tariff re- Probably only half a dozen persons had seen toe vision and has discounted the injury likely to be complete MS, when in 1910 it was carefully sealed done by too deep cuts in the existing duties.

reported from various points, but the concern ex- or until January, 1960. There the matter seemed to pressed is limited to local interests. Crop conditions be at rest for the present generation. are reported, with only one exception-in San Diego. But a few weeks ago a court order broke the Cal -as average, good, encouraging or excellent, and seals and made the suppressed passages a matter not a single warning is given of unsound financial of record in a libel action. The letter was, in fact, conditions. Undoubtedly if the tariff barrier was to written to Lord Alfred Douglas, son of the Marbe lowered no more favorable time for lowering it quis of Queensberry, who instigated the fateful suit could have been selected, since liquidation has been against Wilde. And it was at the instance of Lord going on for two or three years and industry and Alfred Douglas, in a suit now brought against finance have prudently shortened sail in anticipation Arthur Ransome, author of "Oscar Wilde: A Criti- From The Providence Journal,

was in 1894, when the passage of the Wilson-Gor- of thought in the published work attracted many man law depressed industry and threw tens of thou- But probably the fact that has struck every one sands of workmen out of employment. Even if the most forcibly is the utter lack of anything approach-Wilson-Underwood bill passes the Senate unamended ing regret or humbleness in this confession of a the country will get along. It will know more, but disgraced and broken man. The phrases are as happily it will be able to pay on sight for its en- glorious as anything this master of style ever lightening experience.

#### The Schurz Memorial.

to Schurz as an individual. It is rather a memo- mar a work of art. The upshot of them is a mean-of which he was an illustrious exemplar.

of thousands of his German countrymen, who very poorly indicated. Every suppressed passage brought to the United States in the critical period speaks loudly of a colossal egoist, who cared only Entered at the Postoffice at New York as Second Class Mail Just before the Civil War their high enthusiasm for Matter. just before the Civil War their high enthusiasm for for love or friendship as it fed his own artistic hatred for slavery, helped materially to strengthen "-the real, great, primal note by which I revealed, the North in its struggle against the slave system

The German immigration following the revolution of 1848 did much to make Missouri, Wisconsin, to classify himself with Our Own Julius as a lowa and Michigan free soil states. Reinforced by mighty wand waver in politics. New York's famous the larger immigration since the war, it has brought High Sheriff told several hundred admirers the into American life generally the civilizing ideas and wand he had helped to make New York County cation and labor, their abhorrence of oppression, "the centre of the world in goodness, purity and their love of music and the other arts, and their marked taste for social activities and social pleas-

In war, politics and as a leader of thought flourished in the House of Representatives just Mr. Schurz was perhaps the most distinguished of before the Wilson-Underwood tariff bill was passed. German-Americans. But in honoring him the coun-He says he is going to make wicked Republican try also honors the tens of thousands of his commanufacturers testify to the glory of the Demo- patriots whose services were of the same character eratic downward revision, even though, like Ba- as his, and recognizes its debt to all those who

#### Other Coastwise Trade at Panama.

The latest suggestion concerning coastwise trade down their factories or otherwise expressing doubt at Panama may be quite new as a method of setof the all-sufficient wisdom of the new law, he will thing our controversy with England, but it is cerinvite them to face the hot irons, racks and thumb. tainly not new as a general principle. A year ago screws of an inquisition into their treasonable it was repeatedly pointed out in these columns behavior conducted by black masked emissaries of that if our own coastwise trade was exempted from tolls on the ground that it was non-competitive Producers who stand to lose money by operating there would be a logical demand for the granting at full capacity under the reduced tariff rates had of like exemption to the other American states better pocket their losses with a grin. Otherwise which had frontages on both oceans and some of they will be pilloried as unpatriotic and undesirable whose domestic commerce might thus go through the canal. The states thus situated are Canada, We cannot get as excited over Mr. Underwood's Mexico, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Costa

If such a rule were adopted it would be neces New York Times." Our former neighbor warmly sary to define the terms explicitly, so as to have protests that those who criticise the tariff by either a clear understanding of the meaning of "domestic word or deed should not be roughly subjected to commerce" and "coastwise trade." If those terms

Whether such an amendment to the existing law Wand waving is all well enough in its way, but would be accepted by Great Britain as a satis- Thank you, Mr. Schulz! Now to proceed: factory settlement of the controversy is, of course, "I can call spirits from the vasty deep," boasted open to question. There is, however, a fair possi-Owen Glendower, the Underwood-Harburger of bility of an affirmative answer, seeing that this plan his period in Welsh history. "But will they come would meet the demands of Canada, and that it is when you do call for them?" retorted the skeptical chiefly on Canada's account that Great Britain has protested against the proposed discrimination.

# The Passing of "Chuck" Connors.

party" which had come downtown expecting to see and geezers who are doing weird thinking for us Str: A New York newspaper said rethings queer and mysterious and dark and desper- and set them to work." Which is precisely what With the new law restricting possession and sale ate. Moreover, he liked to do it, contributing at once of cocaine which Governor Sulzer has just signed in to the entertainment of the outer world, his own so delicately. operation the "dope fiend" of the Tenderloin and and Chinatown's. His philosophy enabled him to the Bowery will have his source of supply shut on. get a glimpse of himself and his surroundings as the We see it all now. The new Tariff will reduce the urday. Moreover, the illicit dealer in this drug will find visitor saw them, and at the same time to enjoy cost of commodities to wholesalers and retailers and

As a result improper use of this drug is bound to country, and people would flock to his saloon to see become less, Certainly it will be impossible for him and hear some of his marvellous Bowery jargen Pietro. Ole, Themistocles, Ivan, Mike, Ali, Ling guments to win their cause. About the become less, Certainly it will be impossible for him and hear some of his marvellous Bowery jargen Pietro. Ole, Themistocles, Ivan, Mike, Ali, Ling guments to win their cause. school children to purchase it from street pedlers. and his philosophizings. That was back in the days Ching and Nagheeb-will be forced to seek employ-On the other hand, no proper medical use of the when there was still some glamour to the Bowery, ment abroad. Terrible! Slogan for Chicago, 1916; before even the sailors on shore leave had deserted "Onward, Christian soldiers! We-want-Taft!" The Tribune is proud of the fact that it was in- it for the White Way and the Tenderloin dance strumental in helping to bring about the enactment halls. Then "Chuck" had prestige, position and

Of late his sun had been shadowed. Though he didn't look old, he was old. Things weren't the same. Instead of fighting with fists or blackjacks the gangs fought with "gats"-heavy pistots which may as well admit that a sham tuberculosis cure killed more innocent bystanders than gang members, works wonders in cases of sham tuberculosis. Curious sightseers "slummed" in uptown restaurants watching the "turkey trot" rather than in Chinatown seeing fake optum joints. Even the warring tongs patched up peace pacts.

"Chuck" was a true son of the old Bowery, from city than the lower East Side would produce many his newsboy days to the end. The old Bowery having gone, it was fitting that "Chuck" should not long

# The Strange History of a Famous Letter.

It is a queer turn of fate that brings "De Profundis," Oscar Wilde's last prose work, written while in Reading jail, into debate again. A wider than any other Wilde work. And the whole, strange

The original manuscript was written on blue executor in 1897 at the time of his release. It did not appear in print, however, until several years after Wilde's death, which occurred in 1900. Only selected parts of the MS, were then, in fact, pub-We publish in another column a summary of the lished, and it was not until the definitive edition of

and filed away in the British Museum with the Dissatisfaction with the Wilson-Underwood bill is proviso that it should not be opened for fifty years,

cal Study," that the suppressed parts were read.

It is fortunate that the nation is far better pre- The revelations are interesting but not exactly be denied the fun of trying to?

pared for an experiment with lower duties than it surprising. The beauty of word and the keenness penned. The truth is there for others to read. But no slightest realization of its application to his own lot is to be descried.

So the new passages read in court in the Doug-The Carl Schurz monument, unveiled yesterday las-Ransome libel suit, pettish and unpleasant as in Riverside Drive, is more than a monument they are, rather complete an expected picture than friend, Lord Alfred Douglas. The letter is signed Schurz's career and services typified those of tens "your affectionate friend," but the affection is "first to myself, and then myself to the world, the "real passion of my life. Don't you understand now "that your lack of imagination was the one really "fatal defect of your character?" And so on!

Fortunately, the English reading public long ago ceased to try to comprehend the strange mingling of beauty and ugliness that was Oscar Wilde. "De other evening that by brandishing his Shrievalty habits of the German people-their respect for edu- Profundis" will stand as it has in the past as a most illuminating criticism of the Christian faith. The insincerity of the "deeps" of emotion from which it sprang has only a passing, psychological

> There are now almost as many certified "perfect babies" as, according to Mayor Gaynor's count, there are imperfect policemen in New York.

That is an engaging proposal, to fill Central Park with reproductions of the Pyramids, the Colossus of laam, they speak reluctantly and against their have helped to give potency here to the genial. Rhodes, the Phares of Alexandria, the Coliseum and fruitful and elevating manifestations of the tradi- other famous structures, smugly constructed of concrete, sheet fron and papier maché. It ought to appeal strongly to some landscape architect with a 'subordinate mind."

> The "lawn mower squad" isn't likely to become a popular one with members of the force-on or off

> School children strike in Boston, centre of ail education. "How sharper than a serpent's tooth!"

#### AS I WAS SAYING

Jeanne d'Arc-not "Jeanie D. Arc." as the tourists ay-was a fine, spunky girl, and better than most. So the fathers of Holy Church have been promoting her, grade by grade, till one more ceremony will make her a saint. Excellent! Only, why has Jeanne taken this mement, of all others, to connect herself with Ringling's Circus? Tactless move very, as it calls forth criticism.

However, we understand that her motives are honorable, for the saints have long desired to do something for the circus. When you were in Rome. did you not observe the circus where ever and evet

Halt, unruly pen! The public has heard about "This little lion isn't getting any Christian," and refuses to stand more.

If Mr. Frederick W. Schulz will kindly step outside this paragraph our poet will again warble. Shorter still and ever slighter,

Gashed and slashed and slit Who would know the thing that used to dangle in the

Don't you think some ribald writer

Might indite a skit Sinfully applausive of "The Passing of the Skirt"?

Big business is not without friends. Just as all seems darkest, behold the bellicose Billboard be- Argument Is Joined with One of the "Chuck" Connors's death will leave Chinatown rating the "half-baked brood of business-batters" without its best advertised attraction. He was able to make Chinatown plausible to the "slumming of these days! We will stop feeding the gabby ginks To the Editor of The Tribune. good Mr. James J. Hill was saying the other morn-the antis. ing, though, being a plain man, he failed to phrase it

bimself in danger of prison whenever he tries to the visitors as they doubtless never saw themselves. In his heyday "Chuck" was known all over the clusively of neither. Prices to the consumer will the season (which truly are keep on rising. The rich will be richer, the poor hence the suffragists, "banded together," poorer, and the American workingman-by name rely on their sex rather than their ar-

> Dined with Mr. Ernest Harold Baynes and ordered mock turtle soup. Never again! Since the crusade tants. Truly great is the language of against nature fakers our naturalists have become morbidly sensitive.

And having come thus near the turtle subject, we

Going abroad? Then beware of counterfeit money. It is everywhere. But with all your bewaring you like you after this! The antis themselves! will receive more counterfeit money than your are not innocent of "sex appeal." With pockets can hold. Question: How to unload. Happily, the answer is not difficult. In every castle you will find a uniformed official who shows you around, bores you with dates, stuffs you with legends, and, just before releasing you, fixes his eye intently and reverently to her lord. disinterestedly on the remote past and holds out his R. L. H. hand. That is your man.

## A CENTURY OF PEACE.

One hundred years of peace between Old England's land and ours, Both sceptred monarchs, sceptred queen With their imperial powers. Have looked with more of pride than hate Across the deep blue seas, And watched the growth of each fair state

Two peoples speaking the same tongue, And hands in friendly clasp, A mighty empire, nation young A world's peace in their grasp An empire-kingdom, greater far Than all the past has shown : A country led by freedom's star Greatest Republic known.

Once her fair colonies.

Both leading in the grand advance That marks this brilliant age. Disused between them sword and lance As peace fair heritage. Columbia and Albion's shores Re-echo harmony

That high o'er ocean billows soars

And spans the sunlit sea. Combined, a mighty force for good, They hold a lofty place In foremost rank of brotherhood, The Anglo-Saxon race. One hundred years unbroken by

A clash of arms or war.

Doubt, settled by diplomacy, With naught sweet peace to man AUGUSTUS TREADWELL.

APPARENTLY NOT.

"You cannot legislate for all the ills man is heir to." declares an observer of current tendencies. But shall we



THE UNGRACIOUSNESS OF POWER.

UNDERWOOD (to protected manufacturer) - You monkey with my bill and I'll swat you with this.

#### THE PEOPLE'S COLUMN An Open Forum for

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they will owe it largely to the logic of crack, and have a water gate therein.

A good case in point is Mrs. A. J. George's assertion that "sex appeal dominated" the suffrage parade of last Sat-

"hiker," lamented that parades are not as exciting as they used to be; hence we may infer that our American suffragists will next imitate the English milliits use.

But even Jove nods, and in her eagerness to insinuate that suffragists are really little better than "scarlet women" out self-control. Now, is she not a little insulting to men? Fie, fie, Mrs. George! The men won't

them it takes the form of touching weakness, of disparaging themselves and the mental powers of their sex. They love to pose as the clinging vine, the moth and the star, the lowly slave looking up Said the Boston maiden in "Life" many,

many years ago to the Harvard graduate on class day: "It must be nice to know everything." And of course he replied: "It is."

rate, they no longer call us "frumps, but they seem on the way to call us something worse. FLORENCE CRAWFORD.

May 9, 1913.

## DAM LAKE ERIE

#### Raise Its Level Three Feet and Make Ships 1,000 Tons Bigger. To the Editor of The Tribune.

international waters and the betterment works, in the form of a weir dam, at the rate of which was 30.9 per cent. of the Detroit River and Lakes St. Clair ever, Dr. Flexner's opinion differs widely and Huron one foot. As each foot will from government, state and city official pacity in the class of vessels now used, was reported (see U. S. Weekly Public

sluices by which absolute control would ending January 4, 1913, to the week ending Well, once the paleface trimmed him well be assured, so that in times of low water April 12, 16 cases and 14 deaths, a case the supply below might be increased from fatality of \$7.5 per cent; St. Louis 15 would be better channels around Niagara Boston 17 cases, 15 deaths, case fatality

Such works of such promise would cost per cent. There were in the state in only \$792,000. Each foot by excavation January and February, 1913, 54 cases and n upper lake channels has cost \$5,000,000. 52 deaths, case fatality of 96.3 per cent The problem is simple. You have a basin (see monthly bulletins State Departmen of water with an inflow and an outflow of Health for February and March, and brough a crack in its rim You want it in New York City for F deeper, and you want more water from it March 38 cases and 33 deaths, a case fa-

A memorial bridge across to old Fort ruary and March). Erle is proposed in commemoration of the 100 years of peace and of the Treaty Experimental Medicine," May, 1913, that of Ghent. Would it not be well to con- those persons dying within twenty-four sider a combination of these works and

such a bridge, which would be to our UNION JACK.

## THOSE YALE KNICKERS

#### A Senior Protests That They Have Been Greatly Exaggerated. To the Editor of The Tribune. Sir: The remarks in the New York

papers recently about knickerbockers at insinuation, and the antis are skilled in Yale have caused a slight ripple of interest here because of their absurdity. The galaxy of manly calves pictured in your editorial of May 8 has no basis in fact-Morning chapel is attended by the usual she insinuates that men are largely with- kind of young men in the usual attire, and special effort on my part during the last week has failed to reveal more than four or five knickerbockers per morning among a class of approximately three knee breeches may be attributed to golf been suggested, does not exist, so far as I can ascertain. 'Tis a harmless delusion, however, and if the papers will have a have it. H. LILLIBRIDGE, Yale, '13. No. 29 Vanderbilt Hall, New Haven, May

# That is the good old attitude. At any THE ANTI-MENINGITIS SERUM

#### Dr. Flexner's Statistics of Its Value Are Questioned. To the Editor of The Tribune.

Sir: In The Tribune of May 3 appeared an article entitled "Serum Curbs Meningitis," in which it was said that, accord- trouble which may arise because of fe ing to Dr. Flexner, in "The Journal of strictive regulations in connection with Experimental Medicine" for May, 1913, the the closing festivities. "We hear that anti-meningitis serum "has demonstrated dancing is having the attention of the its ability to reduce greatly the death Sir: About the only joint undertaking rate" from cerebro-spinal meningitis. It will be cut out. The waltz, two-step and in our Canadian relations concerning the was also said that "the opinion of Dr. the old-fashioned quadrille and the older Flexner is based on tests made in 1,300 of them which has not yet been accom- cases"during the last six years in Amerplished is the construction of regulation ica, Europe, Asia and Australia, the death | Turkey."

foot of Lake Eric, or on the Niagara it was reported to have been Dr. Flex-River, for storing the waters and rais- ner's opinion on Ma,ch 19, 1915, that the ing the level of that lake three feet and death rate had fallen to 15 per cent. Howmake a difference of over a 1,000 tons ca- statistics. For example, in Chicago there the importance of the work is evident. | Health Reports from January 24, 1913, to | He lurks now in the soft sunshine This structure should have in it gate and including May 3), from the week enormous reservoirs, and there cases, 12 deaths, case fatality 80 per cent; rence.

It would also insure the other public interest in the scenic effect of the falls, with a sufficiency of volume, and beyond that would allow without injury in
88.2 per cent; Philadelphia 3 cases, 3 deaths, case fatality 100 per cent. In the State of New York, according to the monthly bulletin of the New York State beyond the New York State of New York State of

reased diversion for power development. | and 336 deaths, a case fatality of over M

cently that when women win the ballot at low periods. Why, just plug the tallity of 86.8 per cent (see monthly ballot letin City Department of Health for Feb-Dr. Flexner says, page 361 "Journal of

hours after the injection of serum "were not included" in his list. Dr. S. P. Kramer, surgeon to the Cincinnati Hospital, when describing in "The Journal of the American Medical Association" for May 1913, the deaths of six children "a few minutes after the injection" of the Flexner serum, says: "In the United States Public Health Reports January 28, 1212 Dr. W. H. Frost has described similar deaths following the injection of antimeningitis serum. In "The Journal" for March 1, 1913, Dr. Arthur H. Parmeles has reported ten cases of respiratory failure. A letter from Dr. Parmelos states that respiratory failure in all these cases came on within fifteen minutes after the administration of serum.

"Indeed, so common has this catastrothe New York Department of Health directions are given as to what should be done when breathing stops following the administration of serum."

S. M. FARRELL No. 117 East 21st street, May 9, 1913.

#### MAKING THE YOUNG CRIMINALS. To the Editor of The Tribune.

Sir: People herded together "like cattle" in tenement houses produce the criminal. Break congestion. Remove the cause. Give the child a fair chance in life by providing good homes; clean healthy, moral environment.

Stop making the young criminal. W. FRED. SILLECK. No. 2123 Avenue G, Brooklyn, May 7, 1911

## THE TALK OF THE DAY.

A letter from a student at one of the large educational institutions hints at authorities and that all modern features minuet will be the allowed dances, to the exclusion of any even remotely related to

Crawford-Are those dollar watches any od? Crabshaw-They're all right, except cen you're broke.-Judge.

LO, THE POOR INDIAN. The red man salts the golden mine And gets the paleface cash: And "coppers" like a flash; So it's appropriate, Since on the bluff we've made him dwell. J. G. C.

He should reciprocate.